To: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Subject: The FCC's Duty to Uphold the First Amendment
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> "Freedom of speech is a principal pillar of a free government; when this support is taken away, the constitution of a free society is dissolved, and tyranny is erected on its ruins. Republics…derive their strength and vigor from a popular examination into the action of the magistrates."
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> *- Benjamin Franklin, 1737*

> "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost"
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> *- Thomas Jefferson, 1786*

Dear FCC comment review team –

Upholding First Amendment Rights to Free Speech and Freedom of the Press is the duty of every area of the United States government. As the agency deemed the "primary authority for communications law, regulation, and technological innovation," the FCC holds a particular kind of responsibility to ensure these Rights are upheld.

Thus as the FCC reviews comments in response to *Delete, Delete, Delete* and considers opportunities for eliminating, reducing, or revising regulations, my request as an American citizen is that you do so understanding this responsibility.

One example of how the FCC can succeed in demonstrating its commitment to upholding Free Speech and Freedom of the Press is to ensure that all broadcast stations – regardless of political view or leaning – be subject to the same rules and regulations as all others, including scrutiny. Our country is at its best when it can hear from and debate a variety of positions and perspectives. The health of our democracy depends on the media's ability to speak truth to power.

Thank you for considering my comments, and for taking seriously your role in upholding our Constitutional pillars of democracy.

With liberty and justice for all!

Sincerely,
Rosy Schechter